GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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VALUE ADDED TAX PROCEDURE
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have set up a Committee for evolving methods for simplification of Value Added Tax Procedure;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government feels it will help to augment tax collection and compliance;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Union Government have consulted trade/profession associations in order to incorporate simplified procedures for easy compliance; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(V.DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Union Government has set up a VAT Council of States headed by the Union Finance Minister to oversee implementation of VAT by all States/Union Territories with effect from 1.4.2001 and also set up a Standing Council of Commissioners of Sales Tax of all the States/Union Territories headed by the Union Finance Secretary/Revenue Secretary. The Standing Council of Commissioners will provide a mechanism for collection of data and notifications for the management of VAT in the States and also have the mandate to hold consultations amongst the States.

(d)&(e) Government of India had entrusted National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPF&P) to act as nodal agency for training, computerisation and publicity of Value Added Tax System. NIPF&P with the concerned State agencies has been organising interactive workshops with the various trade/profession associations.